

Board Direction BD-016381-24 ABP-317744-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21/05/2024.

The Board decided by majority vote (2:1) to grant permission generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, for the following reasons and considerations, and subject to the following conditions.

Reasons and Considerations

Having regard to the nature, extent and design of the development to be retained and the provisions of the Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Development Plan 2022-2028 and relevant National Guidance including Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 2011 and Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures; Guidelines for Planning Authorities, 1996, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out below, the development would not seriously injure St. Patrick's Church, which is a protected structure, or negatively impact on the residential and visual amenities of the area and that sufficient information has been provided to demonstrate a justifiable need for the structures to be retained at this location. The development would, therefore, be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Conditions

1. The development shall be retained in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application as amended by the further particulars

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submitted with the appeal on 09th August 2023, except as may otherwise be required in order to comply with the following conditions. Where such conditions require details to be agreed with the planning authority, the developer shall agree such details in writing with the planning authority, and the development shall be retained and completed in accordance with the agreed particulars.

Reason: In the interest of clarity.

- 2. (a) Within six months of the date of this order all external dishes and external support structures shall be removed from the bell tower.
 - (b) A method statement and specification proposed by an architect or expert with specialised conservation expertise, shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing with, the planning authority prior to removal of the external dishes and support structures.
 - (c) Works to the protected structure shall be carried out in accordance with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Architectural Heritage Protection, Guidelines for Planning Authorities and in accordance with Best Conservation Practice, under supervision by a suitably qualified professional to be defined under item (b) above.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and in order to protect the character of the protected structure.

3. When no longer required, the telecommunications and ancillary equipment shall be removed and the site reinstated. Details relating to such removal shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the planning authority.

Reason: To ensure satisfactory reinstatement of the site in the interests of orderly development.

Board Member

Date: 22/05/2024

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